

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MILI, MOPS, SA, SO, FR  
SUBJ: FRENCH ARMS IN SOMALIA

1. CHARGE WAS PRESENT THIS WEEK AT DISCUSSION BETWEEN FRENCH  
AMBASSADOR BASTOUIL AND FRENCH MILITARY ATTACHE COLONEL GETTO  
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IN WHICH THEY AGREED THAT SOMALIS WOULD BENEFIT LITTLE FROM  
RECENT TRANSFER 12 FRENCH-BUILT AMX-30 TANKS FROM SAUDI  
ARABIA. THE TWO FRENCH DIPLOMATS INDICATED THAT MAINTENANCE OF  
DRIVE TRAIN ESPECIALLY CLUTCH AND GEAR SYSTEM WOULD REQUIRE  
HIGHER LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY AND CONTINUING MAINTENANCE THAN  
SOMALIS, UNFAMILIAR WITH THIS WEAPON, WOULD REASONABLY BE  
EXPECTED TO EXERCISE.

2. THIS BRIEF EXCHANGE PROVIDED NO INDICATION LENGTH OF TIME  
TANKS IN SOMALIA OR THEIR LOCATION.  
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## Message Attributes

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